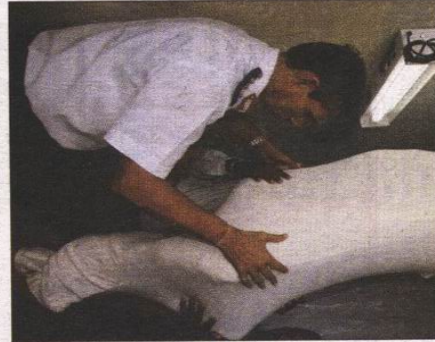


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A NOVEL ESCAPE FROM FIRE

A novel method of evacuation was unveiled on Wednesday at a 48-storey residential building in Byculla in the form of an escape chute for people to slip down and head to safety. With chief fire officer P. Karagupkar slipping down the chute himself and voicing his approval, this evacuation method could be of great use in the city's skyscrapers. The chutes have already been employed in cities across the world and according to a senior fire officer, it may not be long before such a system is employed in India. "While senior citizens and the differently-abled may have difficulties with it, it certainly looks like a smart life-saving measure," he said.

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